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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 3142

FOR SONNENFELDT SY/SAS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SERGEI NEMTSANOV, SOVIET OLYMPICS DEFECTOR

1. BOB PUDDISTER, CHIEF, REFUGEE POLICY DIVISION, CANADIAN
MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION (MANDO), INFORMS EMBASSY THAT SERFEI
NEMTSANOV HAS MINISTER'S PERMIT TO REMAIN IN CANADA UNTIL
JANUARY 31, 1977 "WHILE HE THINKS THINGS OVER". IF HE WISHES
BY THEN TO REMAIN IN CANADA, APPROVAL OF REFUGEE STATUS
VIRTUALLY ASSURED. LANDED IMMIGRANT STATUS WOULD FOLLOW
UNLESS NEMTSANOV PREFERS TO REMAIN AS RESIDENT REFUGEE.
MANI CLEARLY NOT IMPRESSED BY SOVIET BLUSTER.

2. EMBASSY RECIEVED TELEGRAM OFFERING HOME, SUPPORT AND ADOP-
TION TO NEMTSANOV FROM MR. AND MRS. GEORGE YOURIEFF, 527
KINGSLEY AVENUE, PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA. TELEGRAM WAS GIVEN TO
PUDDISTER FOR TRANSMITTAL TO NEMTSANOV AS PRIVATE MESSAGE.
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PUDDISTER COMMENTED THAT TELEGRAM WOULD NOT CHANGE ANYTHING,

SINCE NEMTSANOV'S STATUS WILL BE DECIDED ON BASIS OF HIS CIRCUMSTANCES IN CANADA. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT AN EFFORT BY FAMILY OF ALLEGED USC GIRLFRIEND TO TAKE NEMTSANOV TO U.S. MIGHT INFLUENCE CANADIAN CONSIDERATION OF CASE. HE HAS NO INDICATION THAT SUCH EFFORT WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

3. EMBASSY RECIE VED CLARIFYING LETTER FROM YOURIEFFS AUGUST 5, STATING THEY ARE COUPLE OVER 70 WHO KNOW OF NEMTSANOV ONLY FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS. WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THEIR INQUIRY AND INTEND NO FURTHER ACTION THIS REGARD.
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